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Medway Council's statement on Lower Thames Crossing

On Tuesday, 25 March 2025, the Government announced that the Lower Thames Crossing application had been granted development consent by the Secretary of State for Transport.

Vitally important to Medway

Leader of Medway Council, Cllr Vince Maple, said:

> *"We are delighted that Government has granted development consent for the Lower Thames Crossing, after an extensive period of planning and public consultations. Medway Council has supported the proposal of an additional crossing connecting the counties of Kent and Essex from the start.*
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> *"The new tunnel crossing will connect existing road networks, with the A2 and M2 already vitally important to Medway, not only for our residents but for visitors and hauliers travelling into the area. The major road scheme will provide improved access into Medway, as well as across north Kent and south Essex. This will create more opportunities for local residents, including for work and education, as well as for businesses by strengthening the supply chain.*
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> *"The Lower Thames Crossing will provide light at the end of the tunnel, supporting local growth and our economy."*

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